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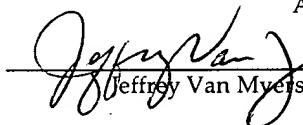
In re Application of:  
Stuart D. Green, *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/624,923  
Filed: 25 July 2000  
For: Method for Communication  
Security and Apparatus Therefor

23 February 2005

Art Unit: 2131  
Examiner: C. Revak

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED THIS DAY WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO:

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SIR:

In the Office Action of 10 February 2004 (Paper 3 -- "Office Action"), the Examiner:

1. Objected to the disclosure in that, in the section titled "Cross Reference to Related Application", the current status of such reference should be amended to reflect that it has become abandoned, which status has herein been so amended;

2. Rejected claims 1-4, 9-13, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Nessett, *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,968,176 ("Nessett"), in view of Sheldon, Non-Patent Document U ("Sheldon"), which rejection is hereinafter respectfully traversed; and

3. Rejected claims 5-8 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Nessett in view of Sheldon in further view of Joyce, U.S. Patent No. 6,519,703 ("Joyce"), which rejection is hereinafter also respectfully traversed.

Applicants are unable to understand why the Examiner has failed to indicate the status of claim 20 of the Application as filed. It would appear that, through some administrative oversight, claim 20 may have been overlooked. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider claim 20, as filed.

**Amendment**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliance Amendment mailed 18 February 2005, Applicants hereby resubmit this response to the Office Action and request entry of the following amendments.